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SUBJECT: INDIAN RELATIONS WITH PRG AND SIHANOUK

1. MEA OFFICIALS SEPARATELY INFORMED CAMBODIAN CHARGE MECH
SARY AND EMBOFF JAN 30-31 THAT SIHANOUK'S FONMIN SARIN CHHAK HAD
ASKED GOI IF HE COULD VISIT INDIA IN COURSE OF HIS CURRENT
TOUR AND WAS INFORMED IT WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT FOR INDIAN
GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE HIM. INDIANS UNDERSTAND SARIN CHHAK
IS PLANNING TO VISIT KATHMANDU (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
CORONATION). COLOMBO, DACCA, ISLAMABAD AS WELL AS A NUMBER
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OF COUNTRIES IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. MEA OFFICIALS

INSIST THE GOI IS NOT PLANNING ANY CHANGES IN ITS CAMBODIAN POLICY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, I.E., UNTIL AT LEAST THE NEXT UNGA, BUT WILL CONTINUE ITS CURRENT PATTERN OF VOTING FOR SIHANOUK REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

2. MEA OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO TELL US THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL IN PROCESS WITH THE PLO ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE IN NEW DELHI PLO HAS ACCEPTED TWO BASIC INDIAN CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, THAT (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN OFFICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE PRG AND (B) THE OFFICE WILL NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND WILL NOT BE FORMALLY ACCREDITED TO THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT. IT MAY HAVE SOME PRIVILEGES SUCH AS POUCH AND CODE FACILITIES BUT THESE REMAIN TO BE SPECIFICALLY WORKED OUT. TIMING FOR FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT ON SPECIDICS IS UNCERTAIN AND MEA OFFICIALS SAY THE IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF THEIR AMBASSADOR FROM HANOI MAY SLOW THE PROCESS DOWN SOMEWHAT.

3. CONGEN MADRAS NOW INFORMS US IT CANNOT CONFIRM PRG DELEGATE IS IN INDIA TO ATTEND CPI CONGRESS. MEA ALSO TELLS US IT IS UNAWARE OF A PRG DELEGATION.

4. DRV PING-PONG DELEGATION AT LAST MOMENT DROPPED OUT OF WORLD PING-PONG TOURNAMENT IN CALCUTTA BEGINNING NEXT WEEK. INDIANS SAY THEY DON'T KNOW WHY. GVN TEAM IS PARTICIPATING. SCHNEIDER

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